

7 May 1982

Mr. [redacted]
Chief, Archives and History
National Security Agency
Ft. George G. Meade, Md. 20755

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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We received your letter of 28 April 1982 requesting our declassification review of the following documents which you encountered during the review of a Navy file from OP-20-G regarding Army and Navy collaboration in communications intelligence between 1941 and 1945:

1. Memo for the Dir of Budget, dtd Jul 8, 42 with attachment, JCS Memo for the President, dtd Jul 6, 42;
2. Memo for the Chairman, JCS to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, dtd Jun 18, 42;
3. Army and Navy documents proposing the establishment of the Joint Army-Navy Communication Intelligence Board;
4. Memo from General Marshall to Admiral King, dtd 18 Aug 45; and
5. Memo from the Chairman, Army-Navy Communication Intelligence Board to General Marshall and Admiral King, dtd 22 Aug 45.

As the declassification authority for material of or information relating to the Coordinator of Information and the Office of Strategic Services, we reviewed the documents and determined that they could be declassified from the CIA point of view.

We appreciate being given the opportunity to review such classified material and stand ready to assist you again, anytime.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

Enclosures:

1. Memo dtd Jul 8, 42 & Memo dtd Jul 6, 42
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5. Memo dtd 22 Aug 45

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET:

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum received today from the Chief of Staff and the Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Fleet. I agree with them. Will you please have the proper instructions issued discontinuing the cryptanalytic units in the offices of the Director of Censorship, the Federal Communications Commission and the Strategic Services. If you are aware of any other agencies having sections of this character, will you please have those discontinued also.

F. B. I.

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The Joint Chiefs of Staff are of the opinion that, in the interests of maximum security and efficiency, cryptanalytical activities should be limited to the Army, the Navy, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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In the interests of secrecy, elimination of unnecessary duplication, and most efficient use of the limited number of talented personnel skilled in cryptanalysis, it is believed that this work should be controlled and undertaken by a minimum number of agencies. As the Army, the Navy, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation now have large organizations well equipped and capable of handling the processing of all the material currently intercepted, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that these activities be limited to the three agencies mentioned. An agreement has been reached with regard to the allocation of this work between the Army, the Navy, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Presidential approval of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

(Signed) **T.J. KING**

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Commander in Chief,
U.S. Fleet

(Signed) **G.C. MARSHALL**

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(Signed) F.J. HORNE

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June 18, 1942

From: The Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee.
(Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, U.S.N.)
To: The Joint Chiefs of Staff.
Subject: Limitation of Cryptanalytical Activities.

1. The informal standing Committee, composed of the Heads of the three Intelligence agencies, F.B.I., M.I.S., and O.N.I., has conducted a study of present and prospective cryptanalytical activities, in order to assure the maximum security and efficiency in the conduct of this essential work.

2. The Committee concludes, in the interest of secrecy, elimination of unnecessary duplication, and most efficient use of the limited number of talented personnel skilled in cryptanalysis, that this work should be controlled and undertaken by a minimum number of agencies. In view of the fact that the Army, the Navy, and the F.B.I. now have large organizations well equipped for and capable of handling the processing of all the raw material currently intercepted, the Committee recommends that the processing of that raw material be limited to the three agencies aforementioned.

3. It is intended by the Committee that any and all necessary cryptanalytical work will be allocated among the three agencies named, so that the field can be satisfactorily covered.

4. In addition to the organizations named, it is understood that at present small cryptanalytical units exist in the offices of (1) Director of Censorship, (2) Federal Communications Commission, and (3) Coordinator of Information. It is possible that other Offices have installed or are contemplating cryptanalytical units.

5. In view of the range of the governmental agencies involved now, and possibly more in the future, it appears that Presidential approval of this recommended limitation will be necessary, and it is recommended that such approval be obtained.

T. S. Wilkinson.

CC: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Assistant Chief of Staff (G-2).
Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Director of Naval Communications.



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Mr. [redacted]
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Central Intelligence Agency
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Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

(U) This office is reviewing a Navy file from OP-20-G regarding collaboration between the Army and the Navy in Communication Intelligence between 1931 and 1945.

(U) During our review, we have found five documents the contents of which concern or relate to the Office of Strategic Services or the Coordinator of Information. Our Declassification Guidelines indicate that CIA is the current declassification authority for those agencies.

(U) Please look at the documents and advise if you have any reservations regarding their declassification. If you feel that outright declassification is not appropriate, please consider the possibility of sanitization to the end that the document could be declassified and released to the National Archives in the Special Research History category.

(U) For your information, other agencies mentioned in these documents are being sent a similar query to this one; the National Security Council has interposed no objection to the release of the memorandum to the Director of the Budget initialed by President Roosevelt.

(U) Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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